on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and flood lighting; introduction of modern and *hi-tech* surveillance equipments; upgradation of intelligence set up; establishment of additional Border Out Posts along borders to reduce *inter-se* distance and co-ordination with the State Governments and the concerned intelligence agencies.

Strength of finger Print and forensic service in Delhi Police

1429. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the fingerprint and forensic service in Delhi Police;

(b) whether it is a fact that the service conditions of this cadre are different from the mainstream Delhi Police force;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the office and staff of the fingerprint service of the Delhi Police have been facing career stagnation; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to allow this cadre career progression?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No forensic science expert is posted in Delhi Police, however, sanctioned/present strength of Finger Print Bureau in Delhi Police is as under:-

	ACsP	Insprs.	SIs	ASIs
Sanctioned Strength	01	02	15	53
Present Strength	01	02	15	37

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The service conditions of Finger Print cadre are different as compared to other cadres of Delhi Police. It is a technical service within Delhi Police and recruitment/promotion of personnel in Finger Print Bureau is governed by Delhi Police Recruitment & Promotion Rules, 1980.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Officers and staff of the Finger Print Service of the Delhi Police are not facing the career stagnation. However, the Government has introduced financial upgradation under the modified Assured Career Progression Scheme in order to improve their career prospects.

Vacancies in police force

1430. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: